



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In reply to application of:

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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Date: February 13, 2006

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005 and the personal interview conducted on January 26, 2006.

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